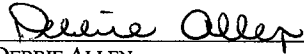


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

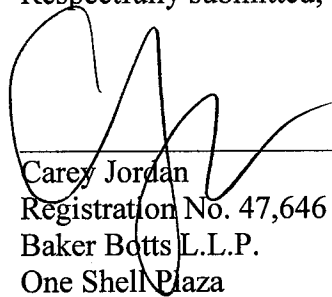
Dear Honorable Commissioner:

Applicants hereby request continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above-identified application. The fee in the amount of \$790.00 for this request is included. This request is being submitted before (i) the abandonment of this application; (ii) payment of the issue fee; (iii) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit; and (iv) the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. § 145 or 35 U.S.C. § 146.

Included herewith is an Amendment and Response to the Final Office Action mailed June 27, 2006.

Applicants believe that there are no additional fees due in association with the filing of this Request and Petition. However, should the Commissioner deem that any additional fees are due, including any fees for extensions of time, Applicants respectfully request that the Commissioner accept this as a Petition Therefor, and direct that any additional fees be charged to Baker Botts L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 02-0383, Order Number 063718.0359, for any underpayment of fees that may be due in association with this filing.

Respectfully submitted,



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